

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Application No.: 10/544,112
Attorney Docket No.: Q88453

REMARKS

In this response to the Restriction Requirement, Group I, product claims 1 - 10, are elected without traverse. Applicant has herein amended claim 11, such that non-elected method claims 11-13 now depend directly or indirectly on elected independent product claim 1. In view of the amendment of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11 - 13 should be rejoined/examined with the Group I product claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination on the merits.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

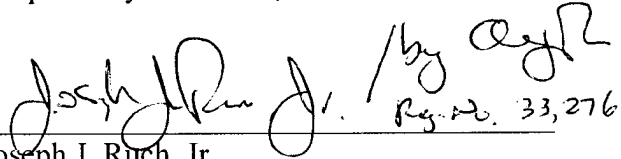
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